

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 10, 18-24, 32 and 41-80 are canceled without prejudice to pursue them in related continuation applications. Claims 2-9, 11-17, 25-31 and 33-40 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2-9, 11-16, 25-31, 33-38 and 40 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The support of the amendment can be found in the claims and application. The amendment is made without acquiescence in the Examiner's reasons for rejection or prejudice to pursue the subject matter in a related application. Specifically, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner regarding the official notices taken in the Office Action and reserve the right to respond to these official notices in a later related correspondence(s) and/or application(s). Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection over Claims 13 and 35. See page 6 of the Office Action mailed on December 22, 2003. Since Claims 13 and 35 have been amended to incorporate limitations listed in their parent claims, Claims 13 and 35 are now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, since Claims 2-9, 11-12 and 14-16 have been amended to depend on Claims 13 and Claims 25-31, 33-34 and 36 have been amended to depend on Claim 35, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 2-9, 11-12, 14-17, 25-31, 33-34 and 36-40 are now in condition for allowance as well.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims in the present application are believed to be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

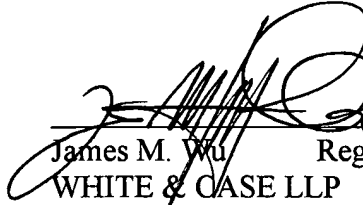
If there are any charges believed due concerning this response, please charge to White & Case LLP Deposit Account 23-1703. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully

examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim Wu at (650)213-0300.

Respectfully submitted,

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